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SUBJECT: PDRY CABINET CHANGES

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. ADEN RADIO EVE NNG MAY 18 ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING
CABINET CHANGES (FORMER POSITION IN PARENTHESES):

A. MUHAMMAD SALIH MUTI' (MIN INT) BECOMES FONMIN
REPLACING PREDECESSOR KILLED IN PLANE CARS H.

B. CAPT. SALIH MUSLIH (COMMANDER OF TWENTIETH
BRIGADE IN DHALI) BECOMES MININT. MUSLIH
IS HARD- LINER WHOSE RAIDS AGAINST QATABA LAST FALL
WERE ONE OF MAJOR CAUSES OF YAR- PDRY BORDER WAR.

C. ADB AL- AZIZ ABD AL- WAL

H (MIN STATE FOR CABINET
AFFAIRS) BECOMES MINE ,.

D. ABDALLAH AL- KHAMIRI (MININFO) BECOMES MINSTATE
FOR CABINET AFFAIRS.

E. RASHID THABIT BECOMES MININFO.

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F. ANIS HASSAN YAHYA (MINECON) BECOMES MINCOMMO,
A NEW POST.

G. ALI SALIM AL- BAYD (GOVERNOR OF FIFTH PROVINCE)
BECOMES MINPLANNING, A NEW POST. BAYD WAS MINDEF
IN EARLIER CABINETS.

2. MUTI', NUSLIH AND BAYD ARE WELL- KNOWN NF HARD-
LINERS. NEW CABINET SEEMS EVEN MORE RADICAL AND
DOCTRINAIRE THAN ITS PREDECESSOR.

3. IN
PERHAPS RELATED DEVELOPMENT, DECREE ANNOUNCED ON
SAME BROADCAST BROKE UP ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC
CORPORATIONS, GOVT BODY RUNNING NUMEROUS NATIONALIZED
COMPANIES, AND HAS DIVIDED COMPANIES AMONG VARIOUS
MINISTRIES. ONE EFFECT IS TO REDUCE POWER OF
DEPPRIMIN AND MINFIN USHAYSH WHO FORMERLY RESPONSIBLE
FOR ADMINISTRATION. USHAYSH, ALTHOUGH LONG- TIME NF
MEMBER AND SUPPORTED OF ABD AL- FATTAH ISMAIL, NF
SECGEN, NONETHELESS HAS REPULSION AS ECONOMIC
PRAGMATIC WHO HAS TRIED TO KEEP NATIONALIZED
COMPANIES RUNNING AS WELL AS HE COULD.
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